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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

August 27-29

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THE GROUND OF

EPH.2:20

ITIM.3:15

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell  
together in unity."—Psalm 133:1.

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TRUESDELL

**NOTES**  
From My  
**LETTERS**  
By  
J. H. WALKER  
General Overseer

I have been wanting to write to you for some time but have been so busy I just could not find time. I am sending you a picture of our new building and church at Wichita, Kansas. The Lord surely has been good to us and blessed us in His work here. If you remember, I wrote you once that the Lord had a definite work for me to do in Kansas, if I could do it, and this is it. When Brother Johnson visited the state, after Brother Henry came as overseer, he advised me not to leave the state but get out and dig out a new work among the folk of Kansas; so I knew that was God, for that was what I was wanting to do. I already had this work on my heart. I came to Wichita and opened up a mission on the other side of town from the little church that was here. The Lord blessed, and our Sunday School built up to fifty and sixty in just a little while, but along in the summer of that year (that was in 1941) the preacher that was over the church here left the Church and put in a free mission. The church had been having services in a rented building, and they had to give up the building. Brother Henry did not have anyone available to come here and take over. In fact, it was a proposition—no place to worship, no support, only two members left that were Church of God. So he asked me to close the mission on East side and come over and see what I could do with the church. We knew it would be ten times worse than a new place. Brother Henry let us have the state tent. It was then the latter part of September, and weather was getting bad. We put the tent on some lots a man gave us, but there were some back taxes that had to be paid at



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**MINISTERIAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Convening August 27-29**  
**BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA**  
**(Not Sevierville, Tennessee)**

Unfortunately, because of changing circumstances, we were forced to move the General Assembly from Sevierville to Birmingham. Several months ago, when considering Sevierville as the location for the Assembly, a member of the Entertainment Committee was promised by the manager of three large hotels and a number of tourist cabins, that although he had not planned to open his hotels this summer he would open all of them for the one week of our Assembly to accommodate our ministers.

To his surprise, however, the tourists have filled all of his available space, and he has no hopes of any openings until after September 15. Therefore, with the loss of these rooms and the limited accommodations in Sevierville, the Committee felt that they had no other alternative but to change the place of the Assembly.

As previously announced, in accordance with the ruling of the General Assembly, the Twelve Councilors with the General Officials decided that we

should have a ministerial Assembly, which would be for the ministers, bishops and evangelists. It has been decided, however, that since we have the large auditorium in Birmingham, we will give the evenings strictly to evangelistic services for everyone in attendance.

The new Entertainment Committee for the General Assembly is composed of the following members: A. H. Batts, M. D. Harwood, and G. C. Spencer. You may contact the Committee upon your arrival at the Auditorium. It is not necessary to write them about reservations; but the address of Rev. A. H. Batts, chairman of the Committee, is: 604 Avenue V, Pratt City, Ala.

Please pray that God will especially bless and help us in our Assembly during these perilous times.

General Assembly Committee:

J. H. Walker  
R. P. Johnson  
Earl P. Pauk  
E. J. Boehmer  
E. C. Clark

Praise the Lord! We have been worshipping in the building now a little over a year. Three or four of the old members finally came back to the Church, and we now have about fifty members and a Sunday School with from 80 to 100 in attendance. The day this picture was made we had 101 present. We are very much in need of

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# Touch Me Not

By D. C. Barnes

On the morning of the resurrection our risen Lord said to Mary Magdalene, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God," John 20:17.

Eight days later, however, this same resurrected Christ appeared to the disciples and said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing," John 20:27.

## THE USUAL QUESTION

The contrast between the two incidents mentioned above causes considerable perplexity among those who do not understand why Jesus permitted Thomas to do the very thing He forbade of Mary. In my opinion there is not a problem in the whole Bible which has an answer so simple and at the same time so beautiful. The answer, though simple as it may be, reaches deep into the heart of God to discover more clearly the divine plan of redemption. Suppose we look into the conversation between Jesus and Mary on the morning of the resurrection, and pray that we may understand why Jesus said to her, "Touch me not."

## THE REASON

Why did Jesus forbid Mary to touch Him? This is the first question, the answer to which will be more surprising than interesting. Let that be as it may, I shall give the answer to this question just as Jesus has already given it. We find the answer in the same verse. "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; FOR I AM NOT YET ASCENDED TO MY FATHER," John 20:17.

I am quite sure you were expecting me to give you an answer different from that which I have given you, but what answer should I give other than the one Jesus gave? He just simply said for Mary not to touch Him because He had not yet ascended to His Father. In other words, He would have to ascend to the Father before anyone would be allowed to touch Him.

All right, if the above be true then we must conclude that Jesus had a "pre-ascension," since later He not only allowed Thomas to touch Him but even commanded him to do so. At some time between His appearances to Mary and to Thomas, Jesus must have ascended to the Father.

## HOW SOON?

The inference that Christ had a "pre-ascension" is exceedingly strong. If such be the case, the next question to follow is, How soon after His conversation with Mary did He go to the Father and return? Now, don't get critical, brother; this question can be answered very reasonably.

Let's quote a little more of the same verse—John 20:17. And let me ask you to slow up a bit in your reading be-

cause I want you to follow the thought. To make sure you do not lose the connection I will quote again what I have already given and keep on adding more of the quotation. "Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ASCEND unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."

Read carefully now, for I certainly desire that you follow me. Judging from what Jesus said to Mary, He was planning to ascend to the Father before He saw the disciples (brethren); otherwise, He Himself would have told them about His plans just as He told Mary, instead of telling Mary to carry the message to them. And besides, what did Jesus tell Mary to report to the disciples? He told her to say unto them, "I ascend unto my Father . . ." Notice that Christ did not say, "I will ascend" (future tense), but rather, "I ascend" (present tense). In other words, "I am ascending unto the Father immediately; go to the brethren (disciples) and tell them so." The next verse (18th) says that Mary told the disciples what the Lord commanded of her. And so Jesus left and NOBODY HAD TOUCHED HIM.

Then in the very next verse (19th) we have these words: "Then the same day at EVENING, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

Here we have the connecting link for a complete chain. Jesus met Mary at dawn on Sunday morning and told her to tell the disciples, "I ascend to my Father." From this we conclude that He planned to ascend before He saw His disciples. Then, that evening of the same day (just before six o'clock), Jesus appeared to the disciples, the very people to whom Christ told Mary to carry the message of His "ascension." There our Savior, apparently in a very informal manner, displayed His hands and His side, and eight days later Thomas actually touched Him. That Thomas could have touched Him that first evening is no doubt true, and he probably would have done so had he been with the disciples at the time. (Verse 24.)

In view of the Sunday morning conversation between Jesus and Mary, in which Jesus told her to carry a message to the disciples, and of Jesus' informal meeting with those disciples later in the day (about twelve hours later; dawn to evening; one day—John 11:9), it is only reasonable to believe that His "pre-ascension" occurred between dawn and evening on the day He arose.

But, regardless of the exact time of His pre-ascension, we must believe that such did occur before He met Thomas.

The next question is the one which, when answered, will clear up the problem and prove that He did ascend immediately and will also give the reason why a pre-ascension was necessary.

## DAY OF ATONEMENT

According to the ceremonial law of the Jewish religious system, on the tenth day of the seventh month the high priest, clothed in white linen, offered sacrifices for the expiation of the sins of the nation. He took blood into the holy of holies and afterward into the holy place. On this day, only the high priest entered into the holy of holies and while he was officiating in the execution of his divinely appointed duty NO PERSON WAS ALLOWED TO TOUCH HIM.

Now turn with me to a most wonderful passage of scripture.

Hebrews 9:22-24

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore NECESSARY that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the HOLY PLACES made with hands, which are the figures of the true; BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, now to appear in the presence of God for us." (Read the entire chapter in which heaven is called the holy of holies.)

The book of Hebrews shows how the tabernacle of the law was a figure and type of the sanctuary of heaven. Christ, our High Priest, offered a sacrifice for the sins of the world and upon rising from the dead He went into the holy of holies (heaven itself) to make a complete fulfillment of the types and shadows. Just as the high priest under the law executed his duty WITHOUT BEING TOUCHED, even so Christ ascended to the holy of holies WITHOUT BEING TOUCHED.

Thus we understand why Jesus said to Mary, "TOUCH ME NOT." "It was necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens be purified with blood," and that the purpose and significance of the Aaronic priesthood be fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The day of atonement under the law prefigured the day of atonement under grace, and it was necessary that the latter be accomplished after the order and fashion of the former, but with better sacrifices.

## I Desire To Win Souls for Jesus

SYLACAUGA, Ala.—I truly praise the Lord for His power that is able to save, to keep and to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. He surely has supplied mine. Recently I held a meeting at Irondale, Ala., and the people were very good to me. I went to Irondale to stay a while with two friends with whom I used to go to school at Talladega, and we used to preach on the school grounds. We had many persecutions but preached in spite of the devil's temptations. I stayed in these boys' homes while I was there and I was not only treated as a friend but as a brother in the flesh. I hope to go back many times and preach at Irondale. Every Christian pray for us, that we might do what the Lord would have us do and win many to God.—Howard Collier, Rt. 2, Box 30-F.

# Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

## Fossil Rain

In geology there is a term, "Fossil Rain." On the stratum of the old red sand stone are to be seen the marks of showers of rain which fell ages ago, and yet so clear and perfect that they show which way the wind was blowing and the slant of the rain when it fell. So in manhood and age the marks of youthful sins are traced upon the tablets of the soul.—C. E. Macartney.

## Belgian Jews Deported

From *Missionary Magazine* we have the following report concerning Belgian Jews:

"The Belgian Government in exile reports that the Germans had removed nearly all fifty-two thousand Belgian Jews to concentration camps in Germany, Poland, and occupied Russia. The occupation authorities were said to have started deporting Belgian Jews early last summer, rounding up two thousand in a single night."

## British Sunday School Decrease

Reported from the Birmingham conference of the English Methodist Sunday Schools of recent date through RNS comes word that "Owing to war conditions only the average attendances have been tabulated, but these show that the attendance of pupils for the year was 470,102, a decrease of 6,018. The average attendance of officers and teachers had also dropped by 3,664 to 81,155. A decrease of 552 was reported in the number of fully accredited local clergymen."

## Prayer for Soldiers

There are times my heart seems torn out of me, I can't understand the nature of it. The terrible crisis of war, the delinquency of the American home, and the aftereffects of the war present a terrible picture. When we think of what our soldiers in part must suffer, it is enough to give us deep concern. These men need our prayers for their personal salvation and safety. The officers and leaders of our country also need our prayers very much. It is seldom, if ever, that I am on my knees in prayer that I do not remember our soldiers in prayer.

## Government Enforcing Scripture

The Government in instituting the 20 per cent pay-as-you-go tax, has invoked the spiritual injunction of Lev. 27:31, "If a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof." A person may pay his tithe and take out a lawful amount of deduction from his income, but if he does not pay his tithe he cannot deduct the amount his tithes should have been; therefore, on the amount he might have had exemption as tithes, he must pay a

20 per cent income tax. It would be cheaper to pay the ten per cent tithe and save the 20 per cent tax on the titheable amount of deduction from his income.

## Hitler Custodian

It seems as if Hitler has suddenly become the custodian of the Roman Church of Italy, sacred art and the archives of the Italian people. He proclaims loudly that it is outrageous for the Allies to "bomb Rome." What actually is wrong is that he can't stick out his "chin" when he is losing. It was all right for him to bomb church buildings and hospitals in Britain while Germany had supremacy of the air, but now that the Allies have supremacy it is all wrong for them to touch the sacred things that Hitler himself has openly condemned. It is just a plain case of "reaping what he has sown." This is a natural law of terrible proportion and consequence.

## Growth of Anti-Semitism

Dr. L. M. Birkhead stated after a tour of the "middle west" and possibly a dozen states and many principal cities, that "The growth of anti-Semitism in the Middle West is reported in *The Propaganda Battlefront*, a semi-monthly news letter issued by Friends of Democracy, Inc., in an account by Dr. L. M. Birkhead. Reviewing the observations made and conclusions reached on the basis of a survey conducted "in a dozen states and in a dozen leading cities from Cleveland to Kansas City, in an attempt to 'sound out the war temper of the Middle West,' whose people will assuredly resolve the final world position of the United States in the event of total victory for the United Nations, Dr. Birkhead declared: 'Vicious anti-Semitic sentiments are expressed now not only among the crackpot organizations—Silver Shirts, followers of Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith, Gerald B. Winrod, Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, et al.,—but in the so-called best circles.'"

## The Pastor and the American Home

Of all upon whom rests the greater responsibility of the delinquency of our youth, it is first the parents. The increasing tide of crime among children and youth attests the breakdown of the American home. Parents are failing to yield a vital and godly influence upon their children. They are also failing in giving godly instruction. Lastly, they are failing to convince children of the reality of their Christian profession. Those upon whom, of all others, rests a grave responsibility, it is the pastor of a church and the Sunday School superintendent of a community in which children live who are not favorably impressed with religious teaching and Christian profession. The failure of pastors and Sunday School superin-

tendents in some places to invite children and make earnest endeavor to get children out to the Sunday School is responsible for the delinquency of many children. A more active part in religious affairs by parents and a greater effort on the part of the church and Sunday School will reduce these shameful tendencies among our youth.

## The Comintern and Russian Dictatorship

Bare two months have passed since the announcement of the abolition of the Comintern. There was plenty of speculation as to what had actually happened. But my prediction was that it could be revived in whatever form would be desired by Russia, when and if it was decided to do so. Now we have from the news that Stalin has organized a committee of German now in captivity who are Communists to work for the freedom of Germany by establishing Communism within Germany. It looks as if the abolition of the Comintern was to provide a dictatorship over the activities of Communism rather than having an international committee. Apparently whatever is desired by Stalin will be directed by him as the dictator of Communism regardless of wherever action is desired. After this war Russia will be the foe of the United States politically as it has been since the origin of Communism, and possibly otherwise. Gog has to be reckoned with as an intruder and aggressor to fulfill prophecy of the inspired Word.

## Methodists Contribute \$92,798,310 to Church Work

CHICAGO—RNS. Members of the 42,000 Methodist congregations in the country gave \$92,798,310 for all purposes during the year ended May 31, 1942, it was announced here at the annual meeting of the denomination's General Commission on World Service and Finance.

The largest section of this total, \$35,342,941, was paid to ministers of the churches in salaries. Payments on buildings, debts, and interest amounted to \$22,447,454. Current expenses for the maintenance of church buildings and for salaries of personnel other than ministers took \$21,250,969.

Benevolence giving, including the World Service fund, annual conference benevolences, contributions to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and special gifts, amounted to \$13,600,809. Administration fund receipts of \$156,137 completed the total.

On the basis of per capita giving each of the nearly 8,000,000 Methodists contributed \$14.49 for the 1941-42 year to the support of all work of the church.

## Mexican Priests To Wear Garb

By Government decree, the wearing of clerical attire has been forbidden for the past fifteen years. The Archbishop of Mexico has instructed priests that they may now appear on the streets wearing "black suits and black ties." Priests have for some years had to disguise themselves to get about, for fear of being arrested by police.

# No Bombs Can Touch Him!

By REV. MERRILL H. EVE

Not so long ago, during a practice blackout in New York City, a father and his small child were walking home. As they walked, the little daughter spoke of the possibilities of actual bombing and facing them. "Gee, daddy," she said, "I am a little bit scared." But they talked of how many more people like themselves had faith in Jesus Christ and this helped them and gave them courage that those without faith did not have. After a few steps farther on, and a little time of silence, the child said, "Well, we always have Jesus. No bombs can touch Him." That's it, my brethren. "We always have Jesus." If you know Him, He is the One mightier than I. And with the words of this small child we have the title of this short message.

Would to God that all our American children, and all their parents, knew Jesus Christ and trusted Him, in the days of our prosperity and in days of our tribulation! May God hallow to us all the pain and sacrifice and loss that may come to us to bring us back to the one thing which this nation and all nations need most, faith and obedience toward the "One that is mightier than I."

The blow finally fell. America went to war. For a long time we staved off such a possibility from our minds, hoped against hope that we might not be swept into the maelstrom of war that has become practically worldwide. There was not only a lot of softness and selfishness, but also much stupidity in thinking that we could live in a world that has been in existence for more than fifty centuries and still not be a part of that world. Horror of anticipation becomes horror of fact. What seemed remote has become a close reality and may move even closer to us at any time.

But what has the Christian religion . . . traditional American faith . . . to say for us in this crucial hour?

We can look back to the eternal Christ Himself. He still towers above the ages, above the wrecks men have made of this world. We know, that in spite of the shortness of His life on earth and the shame of His cross, that He is the One success of all history, the One success in a history of almost universal human failure.

Jesus had the secret of living; and He lived it Himself and by it enabled others to catch something of that spirit in Him. We still look to Him for personal strength and help. John the Baptist said of Him, "One mightier than I." All of us, civilians at home, or men risking their lives on foreign soil, or sea or air . . . all of us in this time of danger, need to look for "One mightier than I." Glory to God! We find that He is there, and that He does not fail us.

Jesus is the real heart of all real national defense, for He alone can give faith and courage and free from hate and bitterness. As we look back to Him we are looking forward. Christ is not back of us, He is ahead

of us . . . far ahead of us. War never can point to failure of Christianity, but only to the desperate need of it. When we look to that "One mightier than I," we shall find that the peace which is in His heart can come into our hearts and so into the world. He still is the Prince of Peace and there is no other. God forbid that He be left out of our plans for peace after the conflict.

Christ is teaching us that while we work for that world that must be, we need to be realistic and practical in the world that is, and to carry a share on this crisis. Most all young men will be in some arm of service eventually, if not already. Many feel it is God's call to them to stand for right against wrong and to sacrifice their life if need be for their country's ideals and safety. Some will stand as conscientious objectors, and still do their part in noncombatant service. However strong your convictions may be, keep your influence so that the country will keep genuine toleration of those who are not exactly of the same opinions. None of us, regardless of our scruples, has a right to evade personal sacrifice or danger right up to the point of losing our life. No Christian can ask exemption from danger of death, when His Lord asked no such exemption. All of us can find some service which we can do.

Christ is offering to us all in this national defense, the most important element and that is faith . . . faith in God, faith in democracy, faith in our Government and in our people. It is the supreme task of Church and Body of Christ to send out into the nation today rays of faith.

Oh that many in the service of our country could say as an officer on a visit to his home church said, "This church has taught me how to be free of fear and hate. When I came back to it, I had lots of both, but now they are gone." The church has a mission. Are we facing it and doing it?

Fear is an enemy of national morale. Hate is also an enemy of our best interests. Listen, my Christian brethren, hate the wrong in Japan, Germany and Italy, if you will, remembering also how much wrong there is in ourselves, but NEVER hate Germans, Italians and Japanese as individuals, for their souls are precious. Let us remember that the true divisions between men never run vertically between classes, races, groups, but horizontally, between levels of life. In all the countries with which we are at war, let us remember those who are Christians before they are anything else. The whole hope of the future lies in those who live a level higher than national interest alone.

Do not become a hater, have bitter feelings and use bitter words. Those never won a war. They deplete the spirit of our citizens and armed forces. Let us help our men to get on with the grim business of war, but let us do all we can to see that the Church

reduces hate and fear to a minimum in this nation. She can render America no better service in this crucial hour.

A true Christian has the most difficult task in the world. He must hate sin and he must love sinners . . . always and under all circumstances Christ did that and we must do it. Christ's way is to change men's hearts, which is the practical way of both loving them and helping them to stop their sins, their cruelty, their hatred and their wars. The New Testament makes it clear that Jesus often rebuked men for their sins, that He at times used force to carry the point of right. Christianity never lies down in the presence of wrong and lets wrong have its way; and a vast lot of harm has been done because some think that Christianity is nothing but unchallenging kindness. But we know that Christ never used force except as a part of redemptive process. War has been thrust upon us and our rise is self-defense. Let us remember that many in our enemy's countries hate it as much as we do, are not responsible for it. Let us pray for them. Let us hate the sin but love the sinner. Then we can go on praying without being a hypocrite, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

As Christians we can be most helpful at this time through the Christ that no bombs or shells can touch. Let us note some suggestions. First, people who have God have the answer. When temptation comes to slip we have control to yield not. God can keep us from fear and common hate and selfishness. This is the answer for lasting peace.

Secondly, my friends, listen to God more than you listen to the radio. All are eager for news but in God we have inner peace and He will show us what to do next. There is no security in a crisis as this like the security of knowing what to do next. That comes when you listen to God. There is more in finding personal direction, that is true national service. Thirdly, let us stop rumors and gossip, positive or negative. Negative gossip instills fear in others and positive gossip can give a false confidence. Let us keep our minds more on what we and others should be doing than upon the truth or falsehood of a rumor. Let us do what rubber does to electricity . . . be a nonconductor and that puts an end to them.

Fourth, let us faithfully and cheerfully obey the Government and orders that come to us. Let us do what we are told. Fifth, let us remember that confidence is as contagious as panic. God gives confidence. Let us, sixthly, remember the value of small groups, who might gather for spiritual fellowship regularly and strengthen each other. Faith, confidence and cooperation are nowhere so easily seen and so quickly caught as from a small group that possesses and practices

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# WORKING TOGETHER

H. M. DUCK

Text: Num. 32:6, "Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?"

Here is a question that was asked a group of people who thought the war they were in could be won without their taking any active part in it, and no doubt it could, but it would make it hard on the others who must fight on. They had fought many battles together and had won many victories, but the hardest battles were yet to be fought and yet they had asked that they be allowed to stop on this side of the river and live there. The reason for asking was that they had much cattle, Numbers 32:1, and the land here that they had asked for was a good land for cattle, Numbers 32:4. But this great military leader and man of God knew what it would take to win that war, and what was required of every man, so he replied to them with this question, Numbers 32:6, 7, "Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them?" Notice here he said, "the land which the Lord hath given them." They were to fight for what rightly belonged to them. The Lord promised it to them, but they must fight to gain possession of it. And Moses well knew that if part of the people sat down in an easy chair, the others would be greatly discouraged. The battle was on, and the hardest battle was yet to be fought on the other side of the river. There was no time for anyone to sit down. God had given them something to fight for, and now if some failed, it would make it hard on all.

Oh, if some of our good people today could only realize how hard it makes it on the rest of the church when they fail to do their duty! How discouraging it is to the rest when some fail to attend church, when some fail to pray, when some fail to sing, when some fail to pay their tithes, when some fail to pay their offerings, and the rest know that they can do these things, and the pastor knows it too. But still, they don't want to do it. It is discouraging and makes it hard on all.

Today the church is in a great struggle. The battle is on. The hardest battle is yet to be fought. There is no time for anyone to sit down and discourage others. When I look out over the great group of soldiers of the cross in the Church of God, who are fighting for what God has promised us, with one purpose in mind, that is to take possession of our inheritance which God hath promised us in Psalm 37:11, surely I can hear those that are filled with the Holy Ghost say, "No, we won't sit here and discourage someone else, but we will do whatever we can to have a better church and better services." Yes, these people had an excuse. They had little ones and they had cattle. They hardly saw how they could go. But when Moses got through preaching to them, listen to what they say, Numbers 32:16, 17, "And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones; but we

ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place." Praise God for a people that will go before, in front, lead the people. It is so easy now to have an excuse. My tires are getting thin. I don't have any gas. Yes, it looks like you would be justified in staying at home on Sunday or from midweek prayer meeting, but if you stay away, you will discourage someone. Be a good soldier, go ready armed, prayed up, on time, ready to encourage someone. You can help fight the other fellow's battle by fighting your own battles.

Many times the preacher has to stand on Sunday morning or Sunday night and look over his congregation with a heavy heart because only about one fourth of his members are there. Discouraged he tries to bring a message, but it is not what it should be because there is just a few to pray for him, and that discourages the rest. Yes, you have made it hard on all. Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here, and wherefore discourage ye the heart of others?

In the 18th verse they make another promise of what they will do, "We will

not return unto our houses until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance." Then Moses reminded them of their promise and told them the penalty if they failed to do it. Numbers 32:23, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord, and be sure your sin will find you out." What did you promise the Lord? Are you doing what you said you would do? Shall your brethren go to war and shall ye sit here? In 2 Tim. 2:3 the Apostle says to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Sure, we that have the Holy Ghost can build sheepfolds for our cattle and cities for our little ones, that is to make provision or arrangements to be in services, to pay our tithes, to stay on the front lines, to go ready armed before the Lord.

I believe Georgia has caught the spirit of battle. For awhile we wanted to sit while the other states went to war, but since our leader, Brother A. V. Beaube, has preached to us, and asked us if we were satisfied to sit here while the other states advanced so far in the Lord's work, we Georgia preachers said, "No, we will not sit here. But we will go ready armed before." Praise God for old Georgia, and for a leader and a great group of ministers. No, we will not sit here and let our brethren go to war, but we will fight with them in the front lines.

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

IRENE CARNES

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you," St. John 15:12.

Jesus commanded us to love each other. Many great preachers have preached wonderful sermons on love but I still want to add a small voice to the subject of "Love One Another."

We cannot have complete love if we do not want to see our brother take office. We cannot have love and let our tongues wag behind our brother's back. Love covers faults.

Sometimes a sharp word sticks in our mind. We take it out and look it over. "He or she did mean that to hurt me. It was thrown at me to prick my heart." Well, praise God, cast it out and love right on.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," St. John 15:13. Jesus gave His life. He loved us. It wasn't hate. You can feel the greatest love that was ever on this earth. He laid down His life for all; not just friends, but all. Even the thief must have felt that love because he said to Jesus as they hung on the cross, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," St. Luke 23:42.

We are told to love our enemies. Yes, not only love our brothers but our enemies. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them which despitefully use you, and persecute you," St. Matt. 5:44.

I do believe that one of the greatest weapons Satan has to hinder is lack of love, sowing a little seed of discord that keeps growing and growing. We cannot have pure hearts without our hearts are full of love. We cannot lift holy hands without pure hearts.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal," 1 Cor. 13:1.

Sounding brass, tinkling cymbal, just a hollow sound! Faith . . . hope . . . charity! Dear God, give us all three and give us an abundance of charity—love. Read the entire 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. No one can add to these wonderful words of St. Paul.

How sweet it is to walk into the home that is filled with love. How encouraging the smile that is full of love. How we enjoy going to church where the members love one another. Love—love—love! Oh, if we could write this word with a pencil of fire on our mind and in our hearts. Never has the world needed Christians to step out and prove that love that Jesus commanded us to have as today in a hate-ridden world.

I can remember the love the saints showed to me when I was a poor lost sinner. How that love touched my heart. They would hug each other's neck and greet one another with a kiss. "Surely," I said, "they really love one another," and my heart cried out to God, "Save me and fill me with this great love."

"These things I command you, that ye love one another," St. John 15:17.

Look up the word "love." Go back through the Bible and see for yourself the many times we are told to love one another. Let us search our hearts and see if—charity suffereth long and is kind. Have we spoken a sharp word today? Charity enviieth not. "Lord, he is able to hold the job."

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# "WOMAN, BEHOLD THY SON"

MRS. W. E. RAMPY

As I turned through my Bible my eyes fell upon this scripture which seemed to bear on my heart.

John 19:26, "When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son."

Today there is a greater responsibility on the mothers of our land than ever before. Their boys have left to go yonder to fight for our homes and for freedom we have enjoyed so long.

But, mothers, I want you to "behold that son" that God intrusted to your keeping. Have you taught him the way of life? Have you taught him to pray? Many dear boys are fighting today who never heard their parents pray. I know it is a consolation to the boy who faces the shell fire of the enemies' guns to know while he does so his mother is at home praying. There has been many a dear soldier boy as he lay wounded on that far-off battlefield who turned his face toward heaven and prayed, for he knows God is the only one who can help him.

But it is sad indeed to know, while many may be praying, some of their mothers are off at bridge parties, or honky tonks, or other ungodly places flirting around with cigarettes between their fingers. All some poor boys can remember is their mothers

taking God's name in vain.

I want to say, mothers, if you have no son in the armed forces you can still be as the mother of Jesus. For her Son told her to look on John and behold her son. We can pray for that brother or some of our friends or our neighbors' sons.

Most parents want their children to have every advantage when it comes to education and this world's wisdom. They want their names in the society columns, or written on pages as one who has made a success in this world. But not one time do they mention a thing about God or His plan of redemption for their children's souls. True are the words of Paul when he said, "How shall we escape if we neglect?"

Many mothers neglect the most precious of all teaching and that is the truths about eternal life and judgment. Now that boy has gone to give his life for his country; what are you doing about it? Are you praying for his protection? It may help out for you to work on defense jobs or in Red Cross work, but nothing will help like getting on your knees and taking that boy to the throne of grace. If you are not in a condition to pray, you need to get in condition. Go to your knees and repent of your sinful ways and get to the place you can pray for that dear boy or some mother's son. "Woman, behold thy son!"

## WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?

PFC. BARNEY BALL

The harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few. Who will go and work for God? Satan is busy leading both young and old into trouble, fear and misery. God is trying to lead us to church, peace and happiness. Satan is leading people to destruction, gambling, dance halls, bathing pools, picture shows, ball games and many places which will lead you from God. God will bring us together and cause fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers to love one another and treat one another good. Satan will cause us to hate one another; he will separate us from each other—husbands, wives, brothers and sisters—and cause us not to speak to each other and to even kill each other. Whom will you serve, the Lord or Satan? Many homes are wrecked and broken up today on account of sin, but, thanks be to God, there are a few homes where they are serving God; no hatred there, but rejoicing.

The Bible says that many are called but few chosen. The Lord doesn't take people until they are willing to go with Him. Don't think that the Lord is going to forgive you of your sins and write your name in heaven's great book of life unless you are willing to repent and turn from the world, forsaking all to own His name. We must forsake everything for God's great love.

In heaven there will be no taxes, rent, light, or water bills to pay and

no collectors to come around. No, thank God, all of our debts will be paid forevermore. As citizens of heaven there will be nothing to worry us anymore. Praise God forever, friend, don't you want to serve God? This life is like a fading flower. One day it is pretty and looks good, but the next day it is gone. This life will soon be over. Just think of these sweet words of God, "Come unto me, all that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Don't you like to sit down and rest when you are real tired? Yes, but this soul rest is worth everything to us. This rest remains with us on this earth and after we go to our eternal home it is ours forever. We are not afraid of that eternal death which the sinner fears all of the time; we can rest day and night, not afraid of the sheriff coming after us or someone catching up with us for any wrongdoings. I tell you, this is sweet rest. It is my whole heart's desire to live in that sweet rest; it means lots to me to live a good Christian life. I thank God for my mother and dad who reared me to live for God. I have a loving wife who means much to me. She is living a good Christian life. May I ask you who know the worth of prayer to pray for God to help my loved ones back home. I surely miss going to church. I get to go once in a while, but it isn't like going to the Church of God. I am oversea in the army. I am a Christian boy; have a wife and baby back home.

## TESTIMONIES BY SOLDIERS

### Be Ready for the Lord's Coming

I am a soldier in the U. S. Army and a soldier in the army of the Lord. I am a member of the Desota Park Church of God near Rome, Ga. The pastor is Rev. Joe M. Cleghorn. I had received exhorter's license from the Church of God and was pastoring a small church in the N. Georgia mountains when I was inducted into the Army. The church is known as the Corinth Church of God.

I receive the Evangel and really enjoy reading it. I find much comfort and encouragement in reading it. May God bless this paper and all who read it. I really love the little church where I am a member and long to be back there very much. By the help of God I hope to be back some day. However, if I don't come back, I expect to meet all of them in heaven. I also love the little church I was pastoring. I really enjoyed the short time I had to work with Brother Clyde Bolt as the district overseer. May God bless them all.

I believe Jesus is coming and my advice to all saints is to be ready at all times. Please pray that I will hold on to God and come back. Pray for all of the men in the armed forces. They need your prayers. Also pray that the war will soon be over.—Pfc. Leonard B. Brown, U. S. Army, A.S.N. 34571930, 527th Med. Hosp. Ship, Flatoon (Sep.), Camp Stoneman, Calif.

### Jesus Means More to Me Now Than Ever Before

Dear Evangel Readers, greetings in the name of our risen Savior! Today my heart is filled with love and gratitude to Jesus, our King for the many blessings He has so graciously bestowed upon me. He is my very life, a Shelter in the time of storm, a Rock in a weary land. Praise His dear name! He blesses me with His protection and love, His guidance and power. Oh hallelujah!

It is so wonderful to know that He is with me all the time, on the drill field, in the barracks, and everywhere that the Army directs me to go, He is there. Do you have a better friend and helper? Do you know one who can give more comfort and cheer than our blessed Redeemer? Oh, praise His name. It makes me rejoice just to think of all His goodness and love. Hallelujah!

I have been serving Him for about thirteen years and He has meant more to me these three and one-half months in the Army Air Corps than ever before. I have learned to trust Him more and feel assured that He is keeping and guiding me.

I have received many letters in reply to my letter in the June Lighted Pathway, and I thank those who wrote me. I will try to answer some of them when I find time. I was stationed at Miami Beach, Fla., at that writing but I am now in Oklahoma.

I wish to make this request, that each of you who prays remember the boys in uniform and especially the un-

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# The Sunset of a Wasted Life

MRS. H. J. FRENCH

**INTRODUCTION:** Life begins at day-break and closes at dark. Sunset is as life is fading away overtaken by old age. The steps are feeble and the body weak and tottery.

Text, Luke 12:20, 21, "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The rich man had lived a gay life. He had made more than he had room for. Perhaps there were many widows and orphans in need of food and clothes but he never gave them or God a thought. All he was thinking of was, "What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?" He did not think about his soul. How he was mistreating the most important part of his life. He was a good citizen. He was a good business man. He was a successful farmer. He made plenty of money. He was doubtless well liked by his neighbors. He was no bad fellow. But God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?" He had wasted his life. He left undone the weightier matters. He took no thought for the future. He never won a soul. He did not even save his own soul. Yes, it is a picture of a wasted life. He had a nice home. He had many friends. He had plenty of money. But he had come to old age. Pains began to surge through his body and God tells him his life's race is at an end.

The most pitiful picture in the world is an old man or woman, bowed with age, unprepared to meet God. Young man, young woman, picture yourself fifty years from today (should you by chance live that long), stooped with age, one foot in the grave, with the Spirit of God possibly already having taken His flight from you. What is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. James 4:14.

In Luke 16:22-25, we read the fate of a rich man who wasted his life. "The rich man died, and was buried; and in

hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented." You see by this what becomes of the wasted life of young or old, all that forget God and turn to the things of the world.

Cain wasted his life in killing his brother. In Luke 10 we see where the Lord sent out seventy disciples and told them, "Go your way: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes," yet so many preachers of today have wasted their lives by not having faith in the Lord to go preach the gospel when they had a lack of money. So many have put their hands to the plow and looking back are not fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62.

"And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; and commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse," Mark 6:7, 8. Jesus meant for the disciples to go by faith. We do not hear of any of them starving to death. I tell you, we preachers have gotten away from the faith. I well remember when I would leave home, leaving my little boy crying. I would not look back at the little fellow. Why? Because I was willing to go and my heart had gone out for lost souls. I know the Lord did bless and save souls. I would take my two girls with me. One of them was a preacher. They got saved in my meeting and were filled with the Holy Ghost and the signs followed. In Mark 16 we see where Jesus gave His last commission to the apostles and He said, concerning the signs following, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he

that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

These are Jesus' own words and He meant just what He said and they are true for I have seen these signs following believers. God is grieved because of the sins of the people. See Gen. 6:6. Preachers, we had better get back in line. If we don't mind our lives will be wasted. The Lord wants preachers with faith in Him and who are longsuffering. It is possible for one to cross the dead line.

We see another wasted life in Matthew 14, that of Herod the tetrarch who heard of the fame of Jesus. We read, "For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Phillip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. . . . And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison." John went to heaven but Herod's life was a wasted life.

In Matthew 25 we read the parable of the ten virgins, and five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. So it is with many preachers today. They are taking a Bible around and that is about all there is to them. As for the signs following them, it is like Peter was when he cursed and said he did not know Jesus. With most of us preachers, the signs are following far off. We are in a lukewarm condition. It is not every one that says, "Lord, Lord," that is going to enter the kingdom of heaven, but those who do the will of the Father and have a pure heart and save souls. Let us be careful that our lives are not wasted.

some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" Rom. 3:3. Or will it hinder others from believing? "God forbid; yea, let God be true but every man a liar; as it is written." Paul preached to the people with power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, yet many heard him and instead of believing his report, sought to kill him.

Did all believe Jesus? No, but "as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name," St. John 1:12.

So, brethren, be patient. "Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious (Continued on page 15)

## UNBELIEF

EXELMA HOLLEY

"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"—Isa. 53:1.

There are times, no doubt, when the ministers would question the Lord as Isaiah did. Seemingly there are times when we cannot see that our message is taking any effect, and our efforts are useless. Then there are those who hear our report who have been taught contrary to holiness. It will take time for these to be convinced of the way of truth. There are others seeking only

for a sign or miracle, like a man I know, who said unless he could see a blind sister healed he would not believe. Yet the same man's wife lives a good consecrated life, which he refuses to believe in. Most likely he will never get to see the arm of the Lord revealed, unless he believes what God has already shown him. If we would see more of God's power manifested, we must acknowledge what we see now.

We hear Paul say, "For what if

# RECORDING

By FLOYD CARY

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I want to write a little on the subject of why I believe in God. First, it is the only reasonable thing to believe in. We have in the Bible, the first chapter of Genesis, these words:

*"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."*

Now, where there is a creation, there must be a creator. But the first step to find out what we wish to know is to begin to reason with God. We find in the first chapter of Isaiah, the 18th verse,

*"Come now, and let us reason together."*

God is reasonable. He does not wish us to believe just anything. He wants to reason with us. How will God reason with us? First, we must pray. We must pray for God to give us knowledge, knowledge of His Word and knowledge to carry out His plans.

After the creation we find duplication. There is no further need for creating. We find that great man Ford has invented the car. And after its creation by invention we find there was duplication. Cars were made. Eli Whitney and the cotton gin; Robert Fulton, the steamboat; Marconi, the wireless; Edison, the lights, etc. All these were invented by men, and after they were invented they were duplicated.

We find that everything must have control. What kind of home would you have without a mother to control it, if the children were allowed to roam in at will and out at will and go where they might? They would stay out until any time of night. They would eat what they wanted to. And the home would just be a wreck. Havoc would be there. Or suppose we had a store where the employees were allowed to do as they wanted to with no guiding hand, nobody to direct them. They would come in when they liked; they would leave when they liked; they would go to the till and collect their own wages; and there would be no prosperity. The store would soon go down.

Well, when we speak of the stars and planets being in place, scientists tell us that they stay in space by their attraction for one another and are held just exactly in place. Yes, that is true. They are held in space by their attraction for one another, but there must be a guiding hand to keep them that way. Also, gravitation was created at the same time the world was, and this attraction for one another was created at the same time.

When the car was built, the carburetor for the car was made along with the car. Without that the car would have been of no value. The world would have been of no value without the attraction of the planets for one another to hold them in their places. So, we find the Father thought of that and created it along with the world. The parts of the car were made at the same time the car was. The earth rotating every twenty-four hours is what causes day and night, and it travels around the sun every twelve months, making the year and the seasons. Yes, true enough, but we

must have a guiding hand through all this rotation.

All the railroads of the nation go on regular schedules operated by individuals along the way. But behind that is a master mind making the schedules for the trains to run on. Without this master mind, the trains would soon crash. They would soon come off schedule. They would each one go where they wanted and they would soon be in a big wreck. Thousands would be killed. God must control the world and the stars and planets or else they would crash.

What kind of Army would we have without a leader behind the Army, a general to tell the privates what to do. If they were allowed to do as they wished, perhaps some of them would stay in the fox-holes all the time. Others would take to the cellar. Some would fight when they wanted to, some would not. Our Army could be so easily defeated. The enemy would be competent to take them over, because they would be so scattered without the leader.

Suppose we had a jail where there was no jailer, and the prisoners were allowed to do as they wished. Why, none of them would stay in. They would all go and come as they pleased; they could leave when they wanted to. Suppose we had no police department, and the crooks were allowed to steal, rob, plunder, and murder. They would never lock themselves up.

Then there are the seasons. The sap rises and causes the trees to bloom. Yes, that's true. The sap does rise. We also find that you have gas in your tank, and it goes through your carburetor and makes your car run. Yes, but you have to put the gas in the tank and have to see that it gets the proper gas, etc. We find that there must be someone behind to keep these things going. We find the ships of the seas that go out on their mission. Yes, and they run, but they were provided for beforehand. They were stocked up with food and stocked with water and supplied with everything they would need for this journey across the sea.

We find that the world was the same way. We find that the world was created. In the bowels of the earth was stocked oil and coal and minerals and everything for the day that they would be needed. We find that there was natural gas stored in the bowels of the earth. God knew that if the world was allowed to use the wood that it would soon be consumed and there would not be fuel enough for the people throughout the ages; the Lord provided for that by other natural resources there that man might have them at his command.

Therefore, it is foolish for people to assume that things just happen accidentally. Did you ever find in the mail a pay envelope from a company you never worked for? No. You must go to that place and work. Did you ever accidentally receive a deed through the mail for a house? No. Things don't just happen that way. Things must be done by individuals, by human beings. God works in this day through human beings. God

works through them His miracles to perform. We see the sun come up and every night it sets, so therefore, we know there must be a guiding hand behind that. We know that things don't just go along in a haphazard way. We find that nothing happens like that. Everything is controlled. So it is only reasonable to assume that there is a Super Being behind this world. The only reasonable thing to believe is the Bible, because the Bible is the only book that gives any authentic story of the creation. The Bible tells of the only real religion for the betterment of mankind, where there is love and not hatred, where there is a peace instead of violence. If man would take the Bible as his guide toward living, there would be no wars, there would be no hunger, no strife, and no sorrow, nothing but joy and peace and love for his fellow men. We wouldn't have to be spending vast millions for armaments to destroy human lives. We could be spending millions for the betterment of human beings. We could be building homes. We could be building recreation centers. We could be building places to worship God instead of trying to destroy life. We could be clearing the slums out, etc., if we would only turn to God.

Repent today, my friend, and believe, for this is the only way, the only true story of how the world began and how the world is controlled. Amen.

## PRAYER

I am glad for the privilege of writing on the vital subject of "Prayer." Prayer is the key that unlocks heaven. 2 Chron. 7:14 says, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

This scripture is God's response to Solomon after the prayer he had offered at the dedication of the temple. You will notice in chapter 7 that when Solomon had made an end of praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, and the glory of the Lord filled the house. After the feast was over the Lord appeared unto Solomon by night and said, "I have heard thy prayer." Then came certain promises and some of these were conditional. If we desire God to hear and answer our prayers, then it is imperative that they be given from a pure heart. David in the 66th Psalm, verse 18, said, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." John 15:7 says, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The condition is if ye abide in me.

The only prayer of sinners that God hears is the prayer of repentance, for John 1:31 says, "Now we know that God heareth not sinners," but James 5:16-18, says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, . . . the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that

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We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take them to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

## PRAY FOR:

The Lord to heal my nose of a growth inside, also other troubles.—Mrs. G. M. Brantley, Alma, Ga.

The Lord to heal me of T. B. and head trouble.—Armazetta Moore, T. B. Sanatorium, Alto, Ga.

The Lord to heal my mother of high blood pressure and a leaking heart; my family who is having sickness to be removed.—Pvt. John H. Eagerton, Med. Det. Dept., Sta. Comp. Hosp. No. 2, Fort Bragg, N. C.

God to heal my body; my children.—Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

The healing of my nephew whose back was broken in the mines; me to be saved.—Robert Davis, Rt. 1, Duff, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me of cancer.—Dora Cook, McColl, S. C.

God to undertake for my family; unspoken request.—Mrs. L. B. Morrison, 405 Calhoun St., New Orleans, La.

The Lord to strengthen me in body and faith; my children.—Mrs. Ollie Lewis, Rt. 1, Soddy, Tenn.

The Lord to heal my spine, head and nerves. The vertebrae of my back have slipped and are pressing the nerve until it seems I will be paralyzed. I have a three-month-old baby who needs me, also other children; my baby to be healed; my little girl's nose to be healed; my aunt. — Mrs. Mae Berry, c/o Hendrix Store, Page, W. Va.

The healing of my body, my head and back are sore and my joints are stiff.—Mary Safford, 1421 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.

God to undertake for me and answer prayer.—Mrs. F. R. Coggins, 545 State St., Waycross, Ga.

The healing of Sister Minnie Kirby's body. She has had one limb amputated at the thigh, has a silver plate in her back, and has had other operations on account of sugar diabetes. They are talking of taking off the other limb at the knee. Please pray for her healing. — Rev. H. M. Burchett, 218 Withern St., Lynchburg, Va.

The Lord to heal my body, I am a shut-in. I will thank God for any who will come to see me and pray with me; God to undertake for me financially. I will appreciate tracts to read.—Mrs. J. P. Norwood, Rt. 1, Box 136, Shaw, Miss.

The Lord to heal me of cancer of the breast on the right side. I have suffered two years with this cancer. The treatments are very painful and are not permanent. I am very nervous and have lots of trouble with my head on the right side.—Mrs. Laura Fuller, 1903 S. Akard St., Dallas, Tex.

My wife and me, I have just had an operation for appendicitis; unspoken request.—Pfc. Troy S. Henry, Station Hospital, Ward 42, Indiantown Gap, Pa.

My little boy to be healed of ulcers on his limbs caused from a fall, they are badly infected; me to be healed of thyroid trouble. — Maggie Baldree, Monroe, Va.

The healing of my body, I am in bad health, I am trusting Him.—Mrs. Pauline Prater, Box 51, Petros, Tenn.

My nerves; my spiritual condition; my sister-in-law, Mrs. Ollie Crane, Rt. 2, Oak Grove, La., her daughter and son-in-law who are in bad health to be healed.—Mrs. Lonnie Jones, 4844 Inyo, Fresno, Calif.

The healing of my body, I am having some severe nervous and weak spells. I need encouragement. — Mrs. Minnie Alford Fox, Rt. 1, Tioga, Tex.

Me to be healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. Joe Jones, Rt. 1, Box 107-A, Louise, Miss.

The healing of my body and soul; my home.—Mrs. W. T. Beardin, Alamo, Ga.

Special request.—Pvt. Ellis H. Harris, 34516996, Co. L, 302nd Inf., APO 94, Camp Phillips, Kans.

My afflicted body to be healed.—Mrs. S. M. Carter, Rt. 5, Box 79, Fayetteville, N. C.

The Lord to heal my sister of heart dropsy and undertake in her home; the healing of my father.—Mrs. Hattie Middleton, Rt. 5, Tifton, Ga.

God to undertake for my husband and me; the healing of a boy and that he may receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mohalie Chancy, Fonta Gorda, Fla.

God to completely heal my body; my girls; my brother in the hospital; urgent request.—Sister Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain, Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my thumb, it is giving me lots of trouble but I do not know what is wrong; my sister's side to be healed; unspoken request. Encouragement appreciated. — Miss Lydia Mae Ayers, Rt. 1, Leighton, Ala.

Easter Headley, who is an exhorter in the Church of God, she has leakage of the heart; my grandson who is in the navy.—Mrs. A. M. Marlin, Rt. 2, Cave City, Ark.

The healing of my body, I had a hemorrhage and am not able to go; my son in the army, his address is Pete E. McGhee, 39859385, Co. L, 1st Reg. R.T.C., Camp Sibert, Ala.—Kate McGhee, 4320 S. Liberty, Tucson, Ariz.



REV. C. E. FRENCH,  
S. S. and Y.P.E. Supt. of W. Va.

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ORDER OF Cleveland, Tennessee		\$6,000.00
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The above check for \$6,000 is from the Y.P.E. and Sunday Schools in West Virginia. This is the largest check ever received by the orphanage from any state.

Hurrah for West Virginia and for their state overseer and state superintendent! "Go and do thou likewise."

# REPORTS

## THE FLORIDA CAMP MEETING AND STATE CONVENTION

By E. L. SIMMONS

In the annals of the history of the Church of God in the State of Florida, no one thing has a more beautiful setting than the Florida state camp meeting. It was in a holiness camp meeting at the old Durant campground that the baptism of the Holy Ghost was preached and a great Pentecostal outpouring took place. It was at this same campground and in a camp meeting that the Church of God was introduced to the holiness and Pentecostal people of the State of Florida. It was the inspiration received at camp meetings held at Durant that brought about the establishment of the state campground at Wimauma where the first camp meeting was held in May, 1914.

Through the years successful camp meetings have been held on this lovely waterfront camp site. Hundreds have been saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost while attending its annual festivities. Hundreds of ministers kneeling before its sacred altar and dedicating their lives to God and to His Church have been licensed or ordained by the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Through the years its fame as a place for spiritual relaxation, fellowship and jubilation, has spread throughout the United States and to many foreign countries.

### CAMP MEETING WELL ATTENDED

In the early part of the year many were of the opinion that transportation problems would greatly reduce the attendance of this year's camp meeting, but it was soon learned that all available quarters had been engaged, and when the time arrived for the camp meeting to open many had to stay as far as six and seven miles from the campground.

The camp meeting opened with its usual inspiration and optimism and every service was a success from the beginning to the end. The state overseer, John C. Jernigan, in his extemporaneous and impromptu way of moderating, kept the group guessing just what would come next, but when it came it was always good and everyone seemed to be satisfied.

### THE BIBLE STUDY

An interesting feature of the camp meeting was the Bible study. D. C. Barnes (a teacher in the Bible School at Sevierville) had charge of this department in the first part of the camp meeting. With his ability to dissect and to analyze, many scriptures otherwise hard to be understood were thoroughly explained. This mental food was especially palatable to the ministry who were seeking to better qualify themselves as teachers of God's Word. Taking up where Brother Barnes left off, B. L. Hicks carried on with the Bible study. His blackboard illustrations were timely and disclosed his ability as both Bible teacher and chalk artist.

### OUTSTANDING VISITORS

Among the outstanding visitors who spoke at the camp meeting were

E. M. Ellis, overseer of Alabama; H. L. Chesser, overseer of North Carolina; J. A. Bixler, pastor at Sylacauga, Ala., and Jake Roberts, pastor at Anderson, S. C. At other services the pulpit was filled with speakers chosen from the rank and file of the Florida preachers and all of them were at their best.

### MISSION OFFERING A SUCCESS

The mission service was scheduled for Sunday morning, and the mission sermon delivered by the writer. This was followed by the offering, and everyone seemed to be highly elated over the mission spirit and determined to work even harder than ever for the mission cause.

### FLORIDA PREACHER HONORED

Many of the older Florida preachers have come and gone, but not so with J. A. Self. He is a typical Florida preacher. He began his ministry there and will, in all probability, end it in the same state. He has refused better positions to stay with his home state. He has served the Church of God for more than thirty years in unbroken service and is still active. He has served the churches in Florida as their state overseer and as adviser to others for many years. For his meritorious work the Florida preachers presented him with a nice, large easy chair placed beside the overseer and designated it as his as long as he lived. With gratitude and thanksgiving, Brother Self accepted the gift and it is the hopes of all the ministry that we shall see him there each camp meeting for many years to come.

### TOO MANY GOOD THINGS

Time and space would fail us in an attempt to tell all the good things which accompanied the camp meeting. Many stated that it was the best one that they ever attended. This must be admitted by all, that the state overseer was very enthusiastic in his service and did all in his power to make it the great success that it was.

### MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION

Words are inadequate to describe this glorious convention, inasmuch as spiritual beauties cannot be described by natural expressions. Space prevents a detailed account of this gathering.

It was not a thing uncommon to hear expressions of people enjoying the convention. If this convention was not the very best we have had, it certainly was among the best. Probably the most outstanding characteristic of this gathering was the fine spirit of unity, cooperation and love that prevailed among the people. Of course, God always blesses in a holy atmosphere like this.

To speak of spirituality, attendance, singing, music, preaching, finance, etc., we can well list them under the one heading, "Good."

We are indeed thankful for our good overseer and wife, Brother and Sister G. R. Watson. God is doing a wonderful work in the State of Missouri through these consecrated workers. We were highly honored to have our General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, and family with us. His messages were inspirational and instructive and his consecrated life before us was indeed a challenge to indifferent professors of Christianity.

We were blessed with several out-of-



The smiling, happy group above is a representation of the Church of God at Winnsboro, S. C., and you would smile, too, for on April 11 at this gathering was witnessed the liquidation of the entire indebtedness of the church property, including parsonage furniture purchased this Assembly year in the total sum of \$720. The offering on this day was \$792. Yes, the loyal members of this church deserve this honorable mention. In the center of this picture you will see state overseer, Rev. L. W. McIntyre; district overseer, Rev. Edwin M. Mortenson, and pastor, Rev. J. L. McCoy, burning the mortgage, which clears the debt. To God be all the praise.—J. L. McCoy, pastor.

state ministers and delegates and many other blessings too numerous to mention. We were in contact with the Blessing and the blessings automatically flowed. Missouri is moving on and since we are reputed to be the "show me" state, come over and see for yourself.—Convention reporters, Lee E. Holdman and Earl T. Golden.

### ILLINOIS Y.P.E. AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Illinois Y.P.E. and Sunday School state convention convened July 10-11, at Carmi, Ill., with our state overseer, Rev. E. O. Kerse, and Rev. T. R. Morse in charge. We had a wonderful attendance considering the tire and gasoline situation. Shouts and praises were uttered throughout the convention.

The Lord certainly blessed our speakers who were: Revs. J. L. Summers, B. J. Hughes, E. E. Summers, L. Newton, A. Hartgraves, M. E. Porter, E. O. Kerse, Clifford Jenkinson, and Rev. Gray, a Baptist minister of Carmi. Brother D. C. Barnes gave an interesting talk on our Bible Training School, which was appreciated by all.

Our special singers were too numerous to mention, but their singing was inspiring to all. Our offering for Lighted Pathways to be sent to our boys in service amounted to \$183.90. We are certainly proud that we can state such.

The convention closed Sunday noon with all feeling the presence of God. We truly appreciate the good work that Brother Kerse and Brother Morse are doing in Illinois. May God bless them.—Mrs. Burris Hughes, convention clerk, Bridgeport, Ill.

### The Lord Is With Us

WINSLOW, Ariz.—Last September we landed here. Winslow is a railroad center and a lone town near the painted desert. There are many people living here and housing is scarce. We launched a campaign to build a church and parsonage. It seemed an utter failure. We asked for prayer far and wide that if we might only get the parsonage built that we might start services, as there was no available place to meet. In the meantime we had prepared a nice lot of adobe. This soil makes pretty red adobe walls. Our permit was so small we saw no earthly chance to use anything else for walls. The first of June came and we started laying the adobe on the concrete foundation which we had poured with our own hands. Then the city engineer came and forbade the using of the adobe because they were not quite the width to meet requirements for a public building, yet some of the swellest houses had used the same type. Then it was dark; it looked as if we really had missed the will of God. We began to dig. Our overseer had arrived to see the darkest hour. We prayed and kept on digging and to make matters worse my husband was very sick, had been sick all winter, and for six years, but was unusually sick, putting us still between more fires. We kept praying and digging. Finally we went up for the last trial. It seemed the last straw. The engineer called the government man and he raised our permit five times what it was. From that money started

coming in. Now we have about five thousand feet of material on the ground paid for. We have the frame of the church up and bolted to the concrete foundation; a part of the walls up, all doors and windows and roofing for the church paid for at the lumber yard, a small amount of cash left and I hold in my hand an eighty-dollar donation sent by a brother in answer to prayer. Brother R. P. Johnson being an eyewitness to this donation commended it as being grand. Now we feel sure we will have the outside enclosure of both the church and parsonage and hope money comes in to put the floors in. I ask all to pray to that end. We have promise of the carpenter work donated; so far it has been. We have no members or standing help here in Winslow; my husband, son, and I are all the members who live here. With the boy in school and my husband sick in bed it has been a hard pull for me to carry on and provide needs for the family, yet I'm glad God blessed me that I did not lose the vision, with my loved ones writing and saying, Come, you can make ninety-eight cents an hour. I just could not run away from the thickest of the battle, knowing this dark place needed a lighthouse. So many here do not know how to do in Sunday School or services (never have attended). At least I see the silver lining of the dark cloud. We need prayers of Christians everywhere. I thank all for their prayers and those of the saints who sent donations to help with the building. The Lord richly bless you.

I want further prayers that we will not miss the will of God in the next place we go in my pioneer call for God. This is the fourth church and second parsonage for me since January, 1941, and as soon as some one takes over

the work we will be moving on to another dark place, the Lord leading. Pray that God will heal my husband and the boy will get to go to school at Sevierville. He plays a guitar. I feel he would have a much better chance there in a good, clean school. He received the baptism. High school here doesn't encourage a Christian boy, but he reads his Bible and prays. Remember him when you pray. We both play instruments. Sometimes we have a very good time here among ourselves at home.—Mrs. D. H. Fuller, Gen. Del.

### Our Work Is Growing

PITTSFIELD, Me.—I praise Jesus for His wonderful love. I came to the State of Maine last November, not because I was not busy in Alabama, for I was out of one revival right into another, but I felt a definite call to come back to Maine, and God has been with us in a wonderful way. I praise Him for the way He is leading in this state. Everyone seems to be at his best for the Lord. Of course, we are here to do our best. I feel we only have a short while to work and what we do must be done quickly and when we do our best our Lord will reward us.

I am an evangelist but am doing pastoral work at present in Pittsfield, Me. Our work here is growing but we want to see greater things done. Pittsfield is a small town and has another mission here called Jesus' Name People, and, of course, we will have to have time before we can grow very large. Our meetings are good. We only wish we had some singers and musicians to help us out. We need your prayers; we haven't been so well since we have been here, but we wrote to Cleveland, Tenn., for prayer and feel God heard and answered, for we have never felt better. Praise God! Dear

### DILLON, S. C., CHURCH OF GOD



This site bought by former pastor, G. W. Cooper, at cost of \$450; built in 1941; brick veneered this year at cost of \$1,400, all paid this year. Located on 2nd Avenue and Howard Street; has largest church and Sunday School attendance in city. Average attendance for ten months, 193 monthly. Main auditorium 40x60; elevated floor and choir; has six Sunday School rooms and pastor's study; factory-built pews; butane-gas heating plant. Said to be most beautiful church in Dillon.—J. B. Cole, pastor.

saints, pray for me to stay in God's will. We thank Brother J. H. Walker for his nice, encouraging letter telling us to hold on to God, that he was praying for us. We are sure you remember us, for you know what it is to be in Maine. I do know that there is no use to come to the State of Maine unless you know God and you do have to stay in His will if you do any good.

I wish some of our good workers and preachers would come to Maine. I have spoken to some about the work here, but when you tell them of the hardships they say, "We don't feel any calling." The Word of God says go into all the world and preach the gospel. We should not stay where the good churches are, especially the good-paying ones. We may lose our reward. I feel there isn't any time to fool around with the devil; we had better work while it is day for we can feel the darkness creeping in now and we need to pray as never before. Pray for the James Ricker family who lost their children in the fire in Augusta, Me.—Evangelist Emma Newman, 9 Forest St.

### God Is Really Blessing Us

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.—The Lord is really blessing us out here in this community. I joined the Church of God about twelve years ago, had the blessing, but backslid because I wasn't willing to preach. But, praise God, I am on the firing line now and glory be to His name, He is in our little cottage meetings. We started having prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings and now we are having meeting five nights out of every week. Sister Mary Lynch is with us now and she surely is a blessing to everyone with whom she comes in touch. Brother Leonard Smith is with us most of the time. Eight have been saved, nine sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, four reclaimed and six delivered from the tobacco habit. One brother nearly bled to death; the saints prayed for him and the blood stopped instantly. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us and we have so much to praise Him for.

The Sunday School bus of Lawrenceville Church of God has started running again on Sunday and Sunday night. We have the pleasure of being at Sunday School again with God's people. Brother Wheeler is pastor of the church; he surely preaches good. Pray for us. We invite anybody to come out and be with us in our meetings.—Mrs. Eula Vea Smith, Rt. 1.

### Praying for a Revival

PERKINSTON, Miss.—God has done so much for me. The 16th of February a pain struck me near my heart. I began to think I could not live but I trusted the Lord, for I knew He could heal my body. He is the same God He was in olden times. Glory! I asked the saints to pray for my healing. I told God if He would heal me I would testify of it and He did. Praise His name. It is just like Jesus. He is so precious to me. He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for it. I am one of God's little ones. I want to stay humble and I mean by the grace of God to live true to Him each day.

I thank God for our pastor, Brother

Scruggs, and his good wife and son at Benndale. We are not doing as much at Benndale as we would like. We members are scattered so, but we are praying for a revival there soon. If each one of us would pray more, read the Bible more and all of us pay our tithes and offerings God would bless us more and our pastor would feel better too. Glory to God. Dear saints, let's try obeying God's Word and see if we do not get greater blessings from God. I mean to move up the line. Pray for me that I will stay close to God and obey Him at any cost.—Mrs. Fannie E. McInnis, Rt. A.

### REVIVALS

CROSS CITY, Fla.—We have just closed another revival with Brother and Sister Carl L. White, formerly of Acosta, Pa., doing the preaching. They are going to do evangelistic work in Florida. They really are on fire for God. We heard some good preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. I feel like it has been one of the best revivals we have ever had at Cross City.

We have a good pastor. He and his wife are humble servants of God and have done a good work here this past Assembly year.—Mrs. J. L. Williams.

PINEOLA, N. C.—We have just had a real good revival at Pineola. Ten were saved, seven sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. Brother C. C. Shires was the evangelist; he surely did some good preaching. Brother Shires and his boys are good for revivals; they are good singers and make good music. We thank the Lord for them and the meeting.—Rev. C. R. Rogers, pastor, 206 Randolph St., Morganton, N. C.

ASHLAND, Ky.—The Lord has blessed us by sending Rev. Roy Dagnan and family, the pastor of the Church of God at Catlettsburg, Ky., for a two weeks' revival. The Lord surely anointed Brother Dagnan. His trio sang the good songs of Zion. There isn't a Church of God here but we are looking forward to the time we can have a Church of God in this town.

Thank God, I'm saved and sanctified. Brother Dagnan promised to come back and preach some more for us. There are very few holiness believers here in Ashland. Pray much for us that God will bless.—Mrs. Sonnie Rose.

CANTON, Ga.—We conducted a two weeks' revival at Canton, Ga. We also conducted a daily vacation Bible school while there. There was a number of definite blessings received.

We are now in a revival in Ellijay, using a state tent. This is a new field and there have already been two saved, one sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray for us.—Rev. and Mrs. James Morton, B. T. S. students, 1771 Defoor Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

WIMAUMA, Fla.—The Wimauma church has just closed a three weeks' revival. The Lord wonderfully blessed; the old-time power of God was present

with us. The saints shouted and danced under the power of the Holy Ghost. Brother O'Neal Hughes, our pastor, did the preaching. The Lord blessed as the messages went forth. Sometimes nearly all of the sinners in the house would be in the altar praying and crying and some were slain under the power. Eleven were saved and sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water and seven added to the church. There seems to be a revival spirit in the church. We have a good pastor and he and the church work in unity. We are expecting greater things at Wimauma before the Assembly convenes. Praise the Lord for hearing and answering prayer.—Mrs. E. E. Simmons.

BASTIAN, Va.—Truly God has blessed us again here in Bastian with an old-time Pentecostal revival, for which we give God all the praise. This was just a three weeks' revival. The Holy Ghost was so real every night. He began to bless in the first service. Sister Grace Grant, pastor at Cliffview Church of God, did the preaching. We were blessed with her good preaching. Eight were saved, two sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Pray for the Bastian church.—Joe Holcomb, pastor.

PAMPA, Tex.—We launched a meeting June 20 with Sister S. J. Wood, wife of the state overseer of Colorado and Utah, doing most of the preaching. The Lord surely blessed. The revival closed July 4 with nineteen saved, eleven sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water and eleven added to the church. Pray that God will open the people's hearts to the light of His Word and the Church of God and the way of true holiness.

### NOTES FROM MY LETTERS

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Sunday School rooms now. We have some of the best folk in the world here, and they certainly cooperate with their pastor. We have about \$60 or \$70 to raise each month locally, besides our orphanage, missions, etc., and we are over the top with all the program of the Church. We have just closed a very successful revival during which there were two saved, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and seven added to the Church. We had a revival just before this one with about thirty saved, several sanctified, five baptized with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water, and sixteen added to the church. Both of our revivals were conducted by local preacher of the church here.

Oh yes, we have the state Sunday School banner and good prospects of keeping it next quarter.—J. T. Campbell, Wichita, Kans.

### TELEGRAM

Having great revival. It is different, a singing revival, no preaching. There have been twenty-two saved, seven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost. Revival still going. The whole town is stirred.—M. A. Bell, Marion, North Carolina.

## NOTICES

### Great Church of God Camp Meeting August 4-24, 1943

In the beautiful, healthful, hospitable mountain town of Bayard, West Virginia, where the nights are always cool, quiet, restful, invigorating. Here is the ideal place to spend a pleasant, profitable, physically and spiritually rehabilitating vacation.

Dozens of beautifully and comfortably furnished cabins and lovely rooms in private homes will be provided at very reasonable rates or on freewill offering plan. Provisions will also be made to take care of those unable to pay.

Some of the best evangelists, singers, musicians and Bible scholars in the United States will help with this great camp meeting. Time will be provided each day to answer perplexing and baffling Bible questions. A daily vacation Bible school will run during the entire period for children, with advanced courses, giving full credits for adults and ministers.

Bring all the sick and afflicted, regardless of what the disease might be, to the daily divine healing services. Nothing is too hard or impossible for God. If you will come willing to get right with God, you can be healed of anything. Come and see. Bring the old long-standing chronic cases and give God a chance. Volunteer relay prayer bands will keep the altar fires of prayer burning twenty-four hours each day. If you cannot possibly come, write or wire your prayer request.

Here is a new feature rarely found in camp meetings. The pastor will bring the results of years of study and experience in psychiatry, psychoanalysis and psychotherapy into this meeting. Prayerful, private interviews, counsel, analysis and adjustments provide happy solutions to personal, domestic, social and health problems. All such services absolutely free and strictly confidential. Write for reservations.—Ernest L. Miller, pastor, Box 32, Bayard, W. Va.

If there are any weak churches that want help and building up, I am in the work and will be glad to hear from anyone.—G. W. Hutchison, Milan, Ga.

### PRAYER

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it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." I think a few Eliazes had better pray now for the rain to stop for a season to save our nation's crops or I am afraid there will be a terrible food shortage and the people will then be ashamed they ever complained about rationing. (At the time this message was broadcast, June 1, it had rained for three weeks straight.) Some people think God is limited in answering prayer, but God is not limited. There is nothing impossible with Him. But we limit God by our unbelief. Matt. 21:22 says, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." These are the words of Jesus and that shall be definite. He didn't say maybe you would receive.

You mothers and wives that have

sons and husbands in the war zone, don't forget to pray for them for Isa. 50:1 says, "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." But if some of your sons or husbands don't come back don't put the blame on God, but search your own heart and see if there isn't something that hindered your prayer being answered. Hebrews 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace and help in time of need."

If we don't have condemnation in our hearts we can come boldly to the throne of grace, and when we ask anything of God we must ask in the name of Jesus, for we don't have any merits of our own. Don't be afraid you will ask too much of God for if we meet conditions, John 16:24 says we can ask that our joy may be full. May the Lord bless you and help you to look away unto Him who is the author and finisher of our faith. — Pastor of Church of God at Green Camp, Ohio, Mrs. Zella Earheart.

### NO BOMBS CAN TOUCH HIM!

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them. Honest talk about our problems, fears, or opportunities; prayer together for ourselves, for our fighting forces, for our leaders, and the acceptance of some steady responsibility in which we seek to help one and another . . . these might be the soul and heart beat of our entire nation. The Church ought to take the lead in the formation of such groups for prayer, fellowship, and action.

Prayer changes things and surely our nation needs to call on God. As Christians we have a great opportunity in this crucial hour. Will we meet the challenge and prove worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus?

*Prayer is not rationed, oh then let us pray,*

*With glowing faith and rising confidence;*

*War's thunder rocks the earth, yet we can say,*

*Ours is a mighty weapon of defense.*

Screaming shot, shell and falling bombs, screams and dying shrieks, bodies torn to pieces, this and more is war, but blessed is that nation and person in Him whom no bomb can touch! Praise the name of the Lord!

### LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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"Vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up." Search deeply now.

"Doth not behave itself unseemly; seeketh not her own; is not easily provoked; thinketh no evil. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth. Beareth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things." 1 Cor. 13:4-7.

The world is watching to see if we have this love one for another. Our hope of ever winning lost souls to Christ is to let this love fill our own souls, to temper every glance, word, or deed with love.

I have a dear friend to whom lack of love was shown. Sad to say, she stepped outside the hedge of the Church. But Jesus loves her and some

day He will tell her so, if she is faithful to Him.

We have set our feet on the great highway of holiness. Satan has many little paths running from each side, such a little path so easily trod. But, Satan, we have no time for you for at the end of that pretty little path lies dislike; down that one travels hate, envy, malice, jealousy, all your tricks to make us forget our blessed Lord's command, "Love one another."

Will Jesus find faith when He returns? Yes, and will He find love-filled hearts? There must be if we expect to go with Him. But you cannot love and hate, so cast hate overboard and see how much better the boat sails. How do I know? I walked that valley, so dark and lonesome; but I also stand on this hilltop and the sun beams down in my soul. I will not look back into Satan's cold valley but I will point to you the hilltop and the sunbeams.

### TESTIMONIES FROM SOLDIERS

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saved ones. It is appalling when one thinks of millions without God. Their future is so dark and uncertain. Death stares many in the face and claims them before they have a chance to be saved. Pray as you have never prayed before! Pray for my dad to be saved. I believe God will save him before I go home. Also pray for my brothers and sisters and their families to accept God.

I thank God for a praying mother who taught me to love and trust Him.

May God's blessings be upon each one who reads this, and remember that we need good earnest prayers behind us and for us, much more than we need U.S.O. clubs and such things. —Pfc. Ruff L. Gentry, 316th Depot Repair Sq., O.C.A.S.C., Tinker Field, Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Think of Me When You Pray

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I truly thank the Lord for what He has done for me. He saved my soul when I was lost and showed me the way of life that will take me safely home some day. I truly thank the Lord for His great love. The Lord has spoken to me and said, "Hold out faithfully and I will make the way for you." I praise the Lord with a heart full of joy. Think of me when you go to prayer. —Pvt. Elmer Sparks, 35639749, Btry. B., 362nd AAA SL BN, U. S. Army, Fort Bliss, Tex.

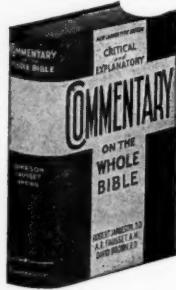
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fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain," James 5:7.

It may be that the very words you have spoken will in years to come cause some soul to believe. If we have sown the seed (Word of God), then let's water with tears, trusting God for results, for He giveth the increase and our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Who has believed our report? Only God knows; but know this, He stands ready and willing to reveal His will and way to as many as will receive Him.



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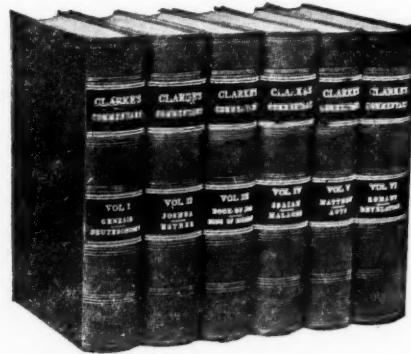
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